

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application.

Applicant has amended claims 1-3 and 6, and has canceled claim 7. These changes do not introduce any new matter.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite (Applicant has canceled claim 7 herein). Applicant has amended the claims to address the issues raised by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-6, as amended herein, now satisfy the definiteness requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and requests that the rejection of these claims thereunder be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Zheng* (U.S. Patent No. US 6,634,705 B1) (as noted above, Applicant has canceled claim 7 herein). Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to distinguish the claimed subject matter from that shown in the *Zheng* reference. In particular, Applicant has amended claim 1 to specify that each seating frame tube is circular arc-shaped, with one end touching the ground to serve as a rear support leg of the chair, and the other end bending to the front end of the chair to serve as a front support pole of the chair (see Figures 1B and 2B). In contrast, in the *Zheng* reference the seat frame tube and the rear support are connected via two different tubes. Applicant has also amended claim 1 to specify additional features of the reinforced blocks, which provide a bracket structure different from that shown in the *Zheng* reference.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the *Zheng* reference does not disclose each and every feature specified in claim 1, as amended herein. Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Claims 2, 4, and 6, each of which

ultimately depends from claim 1, are likewise patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over *Zheng* for at least the same reasons set forth regarding claim 1.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Zheng* in view of *Cole* (U.S. Patent No. 1,027,692). Claim 3 depends from claim 1. The *Cole* reference does not cure the above-discussed deficiencies of the *Zheng* reference relative to claim 1. Accordingly, claim 3 is patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the combination of *Zheng* in view of *Cole* for at least the reason that this claim depends from claim 1. Furthermore, Applicant has amended claim 3 to specify an arrangement of reinforced blocks that is not shown or suggested in the *Cole* reference. In particular, the reinforced blocks of the claimed subject matter act are configured to both support and reinforce the tube, i.e., reinforcing the curvature strength of the tubes after the front crossed tube is inserted into the recess 102 (see Figure 7). In contrast, the reinforced block 3 shown in the *Cole* reference (see Figure 4) acts only to provide support.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Zheng* in view of *Tang* (U.S. Patent No. US 6,322,138 B1). Claim 5 ultimately depends from claim 1. The *Tang* reference does not cure the above-discussed deficiencies of the *Zheng* reference relative to claim 1. Accordingly, claim 5 is patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the combination of *Zheng* in view of *Tang* for at least the reason that this claim depends from claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of claims 1-6, as amended herein, and submits that these claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 749-6902. If any additional fees are due in

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connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. BSPAP011).

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